Dear Jim,

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As the devil who loves scripture, once I got the "wrong" Foreman deposition in Singleton I laid everything else aside and went over it.

I am not disappointed.

In fact, significant as his remark that you marked is, I believe other things are, in what is at issue in the evidentiary hearing and for other purposes (some of which I have never discussed with you), or greater importance.

If I do not know whether you have seen the possibilities I do, you did not mark them.

As I told you, I am willing to be of help to you in this case in any way I can. I am not willing for Bud's present and past practises to continue.

This is not to say that I am making any demands or asking for any new understandings or agreements. It is to say that I do have one condition: that he start living up to those that were conditional and never adhered to.

Those initial conditions were all in Bud's and Ray's interests. If Bud had lived up to them he'd have saved much money, I'm sure thousands that he has wasted. And we'd be in better shape.

This is not to say that we are in bad shape, for we are not. But we are not nearly as well prepared as we could and should be and his record is such that we can really expect no real work from him.

My feeling is that I have wasted much and entirely too much time on this because of Bud's dilletante attitude, the months of stalling us both on the preparation of the habeas corpus petition being a convenient example. And then, as you know in several cases, what should have been done wasn't because of him and I had to do some of what he opposed at my own expense when I could not afford it. Having to keep the Rays in line is bad enough without having to cope with the whim and abdications of the only beneficiary of this work to date. It has made Bud famous as nothing he has done has justified or could have. (This may be what contributes largely to his attitude.)

The situation has become intolerable. I don't have enough time for all I can and should be doing, for what can serve worthwhile purposes, to afford the luxury of futilities. Without some meaningful assurance that Bud will do no more than what he should be doing and what he agreed to do, this can be an enormous futility. It can blow at any time. There are too may futilities and frustrations I can't avoid to welcome what I can avoid. And too much work I can do that Bud's can't waste or ruin.

I am not only willing to continue to do as I have, I am doing it. While I was writing this I initiated steps to get the clerical help that will be necessary for what I have in mind and have not spelled out. It will be for your use and you will not have time for it. You also will not get it if I do not get the assurances I now feel I must have. I have other interests in which others can't control my life or cause needless problems for me.

This is a bell and cat situation. They are never easy.

If we are to succeed in this case what I want for personal reasons is essential for all purposes, including yours. And while he will not be willing to consider it, for Bud's. I have never asked anything of him for myself, and this is in contrast with his relationships with other friends. Example, he pay's Ken Smith.

I would be less than honest if I did not admit that there are emotional factors. This whole business, this kind of relationship, is just too demeaning. I will no longer accept anything like that. I have in the past, on this and on othermatters, not because of a lack of feeling but because I regarded it as necessary. Now I do not, in part because of my other needs and options and in part because you are pretty well equipped now and can do much without me.

Sincerely,